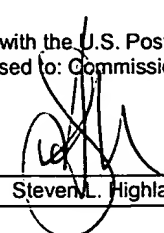




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In re Application of:

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Group Art Unit: 1642

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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO
OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 7, 2003**

Commissioner for Patents
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Commissioner:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of three months to and including April 7, 2004 in which to respond to the Office Action dated October 7, 2003.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check in the amount of \$640.00 is enclosed, which includes the process fee (\$475.00) for a three-month extension of time.

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overpayment be included herein, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit said fees from or to Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212/OSTS:003USD2/SLH.

Respectfully submitted,



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